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Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you for your letter of November 18, on behalf of your constituent [redacted] concerning the disappearance in Argentina of Mr. Osvaldo Nereo Depratti and his wife Maria.

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has made repeated inquiries on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Depratti at the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Working Group on Human Rights. However the Argentine Government has informed the Embassy that it has no record of the detention of Mr. and Mrs. Depratti, nor any information regarding their whereabouts.

There has been considerable Congressional interest in this matter which has been communicated to Argentine officials. Our Embassy will continue to monitor the cases and will inform you of any further developments.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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